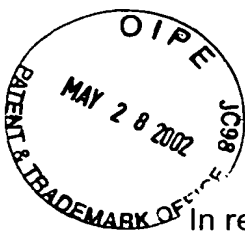


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ulrich Stache et al.

Application No.: 08/897,455

CPA Filed: May 31, 2001

For: Corticoid-17,21-dicarboxylic  
esters and corticosteroid 17-  
carboxylic ester 21-carbonic  
esters, processes for their  
preparation and pharmaceuticals  
containing these compounds

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**Request for Consideration of IDS Documents**

On April 14, 1999, applicants timely filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). In the Amendment dated December 12, 2001, applicants asked the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 form that accompanied the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner responded in the Final Office Action of February 4, 2002, that the PTO 1449 form was not of record in the application.


Applicants enclose with this Request a copy of a PTO-stamped postcard showing receipt of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 form, and 9 attached documents in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 14, 1999. Applicants also enclose copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 form and cited documents. Because applicants filed the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in a timely manner, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 form.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Request and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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